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In re: Patent Term Extension Application for
U.S. Patent No. 4,718,418
Granted: January 12, 1988

: Acknowledgment of
: Withdrawal
: of Application

On April 4, 1997, an "Express Withdrawal Under 37 CFR 1.770 for Application for Extension of Patent Term Under 35 U.S.C. 156" was filed by facsimile. A duplicate copy of the express withdrawal has been made and will be forwarded with this letter to the Food and Drug Administration.

Since the application for patent term extension in the above-identified patent has been withdrawn, it will be placed into the patent file with the correspondence with respect thereto to date, with no further action taken.

Telephone inquiries related to this letter should be directed to Karin Tyson at (703) 306-3159.

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Re: VISX Excimer Laser System
FDA Docket No. 97-0064

Enclosure: Copy of express withdrawal